

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application. No. : N/A  
Applicant : Lamberto V. Nepomuceno  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.